

SANDPOINT SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, AUGUST 17, 2017
4:00 PM CITY HALL, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1123 LAKE STREET

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Cindy Peer, Emily Cleveland, Joe Tate, Molly McCahon, John Hastings, Bridget Koch, Katie Turner

COUNCIL/STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: City Staff liaison Ryan Shea, Planning and Economic Development Director Aaron Qualls

COUNCIL/COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: Karen Robinson

Peer called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.

MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC: None.

Agenda Item A: Approval of Minutes:

McCahon motioned and Koch seconded to approve the minutes of June 15, 2017. **Motion passes unanimously.**

OLD BUSINESS:

Agenda Item B: Review draft of the climate change resolution

Cleveland said that Avista is judging the costs of divesting from the Colstrip coal power plant to be very high compared to many other power companies – Avista estimates it would cost 50 million as opposed to other power companies saying it would save them money. Cleveland said that in part the resolution would recommend that Avista divest their interest in Colstrip coal power plant. The other part of the resolution would be the city recommending that the US move toward a carbon dividend program. Cleveland said that these are strictly recommendations and budget neutral.

McCahon commented that the resolution sounded good.

Qualls asked if the committee had done any type of research in climate adaptation. Hastings pointed out that climate modelling is still in its infancy so getting good data can be difficult. Qualls suggested that the committee might want to focus on climate adaptation as opposed to mitigation. Molly said that if the committee has some action items to move forward it would be best. Hastings said that carbon dividends are just one of a few different alternatives to help with pollution. Hastings agreed that including both adaptation and mitigation within this resolution is important.

NEW BUSINESS:

Agenda Item C: Resignation of Committee member David Price-Williams

Peer motioned to recommend that McCahon be the new vice chair, seconded by Hastings. **Motion passes unanimously.**

Agenda Item D: Review and evaluate the Sustainability Committee goals, objectives, and purpose

Peer asked if meeting at 4pm on the third Thursday is an issue with any committee member. The committee agreed that the current time and day is fine. Hastings pointed out that the things outlined in

the community review are simple and specific items. McCahon recommended that at every meeting the committee look at the Community Review and recommend an action item to focus on.

Matters from Staff/Commission: Peer told the committee that the water bottles donated at the festival was a success.

Hastings said that he would follow up on the school recycling program with waste management.

Peer told the committee that they still need to follow up on the school silverware issue.

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 pm.